

September is
Tourism Month

Province: Western Cape

| DATE | EVENT | DESCRIPTION OF EVENT | VENUE AND TIME |
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| Date to be confirmed | !Khwa ttu Cultural Festival for Tourism Day and West Coast Fossil Park. | Showcasing the “Cradle of Human Culture” route to media and trade in line with Heritage month | !Khwa ttu and West Coast Fossil Park Cape West Coast - Weskus 08h00 – 16h00 |
| Date to be confirmed | City Hall Exhibition | City Hall exhibition to be opened in the month of September – showcasing the Madiba Legacy Route and Cradle of Human Culture | City Hall Cape Town |
| Date to be confirmed | SATSA Garden Route mega FAM | Hosting of domestic trade showcasing the new and unique experiences in the Garden Route & Klein Karoo | Garden Route & Klein Karoo |
| August – September 2019 | Journey to Service Excellence (J2SE) | <p>The Journey to Service Excellence Programme, is a Tourism initiative and is in line the National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS) emphasising the importance of service excellence initiatives in the tourism value chain. The programme will assist to develop a service excellence-orientated culture in Paarl and Wellington</p> <p>The programme has 3 components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A workshop component that runs over 4-days and focuses on Marketing, Product Development, Customer Care, Quality Assurance and Monitoring and Evaluation. These workshops are based on the SABS standard SANS 1197 that focuses on Tourism Service Excellence. 2) Radio competition where the Community and visitors can nominate their Service Heroes of the week. 3) A Leadership workshop. The Leadership workshop is for CEOs and Managers of businesses. | Paarl and Wellington |

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| | | The Overall Winner Announcement event will take place during October 2019. | |
| 19 July - 6 September 2019 | Innovative Tourism Ambassadors Competition | Grade 10-12 Tourism Learners to present innovative tourism initiatives to promote tourism in our town | Finals are 28 September 2019 at the Great Karoo Outdoor competition |
| Month of September | Madiba Legacy Route Digital Campaign | Showcasing the itinerary and AV on social media sharing with trade and media | Online |
| 31 Aug-21 Sept | Eden to Addo Great Corridor Hike | The Eden to Addo Great Corridor Hike is an expedition for and about conservation. You will experience 5 of South Africa's 7 biomes and probably some of the wildest areas in South Africa. The Eden to Addo Corridor is certainly the most bio-diverse corridor on the planet with fynbos, forest, thicket, succulent karoo and nama karoo biomes. | |
| 19, 20, 21 Sept | Buco Dr Evil Classic | The Dr Evil Classic Three Day Stage Race starts on 19 September 2019 just outside of Plettenberg Bay. Stage 1 include the famous Plettenberg Bay Game Reserve, Stage 2 Kurland Hotel and Polo Estate and the final leg, Stage 3 Cairnbrogie Dairy Farm. Distances vary from 50 – 73km per stage, featuring the best mountain biking in the Garden Route www.dreivilclassic.com | Plettenberg Bay Game Reserve, Stage 1 Kurland Hotel and Polo Estate, Stage 2 Cairnbrogie Dairy Farm, Stage 3 |
| 21 – 23 September | Kurland SA Eventing Championships | One of South Africa's premier horse-riding events now includes a variety of exciting outdoor events for the non-equestrian, making it a weekend of sport for the whole family to enjoy. | Kurland SA Eventing Championships |
| 23 – 29 September | Plett High Five | A week of adventure in Plett. Over 30 adventures from which to pick your best five at incredible discounts. | |
| 29 September | Robberg Xpress Trail Run | Join the Plett Athletics Club for the annual Robberg Xpress Trail Run on the iconic Robberg peninsula in Plettenberg Bay. | |

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| 7 September | Gansbaai Coastal Clean-up | Annual coastal clean-up | Kruismansbaai (4x4 Road between Kleinbaai and Dangerpoint), Kleinbaai, Gansbaai, 7220 at 12:30 – 14:00 PM |
| 13- 15 September | Gansbaai Wielefees | TIME TRIALS: MTB BIKE 4X4 KASKAR | Strandskloof Caravan Park, Gansbaai 5 PM |
| 21 – 22 September 2019 | Funky Fynbos Festival | The Funky Fynbos Festival, annual event in Gansbaai, offering adventures in Fynbos - Trail Runs and cycling, fishing competitions, canoe race, live entertainment, stalls, kiddies entertainment, relay spinning challenge, "kaskar" race, fynbos expo, Mr & Miss Fynbossie, Cooking With Fynbos, Tyre Flip in aid of Overstrand Hospice, food, craft beer and wine with a generous portion of country hospitality. | Lomond Wine Estate, Elim Road, Gansbaai, 7220 & Gansbaai Harbour, Harbour Road, Gansbaai, 7220 9 AM – 9 PM |
| 21 – 24 September 2019 | Hermanus Flower Festival | Annual flower festival in Hermanus that focuses on the many ways in which Fynbos contributes to our lives and our sense of well-being. Exhibits, workshops, talks & demos market hub and other attractions available. | Fernkloof Nature Reserve, Hermanus 9 AM – 4 PM |
| 24 September 2019 | Unity Festival: Heritage Day | Celebrating unity & diversity. Live entertainment, Cultural Group Festivities, Traditional Food & Drink, Kiddies Corner. An annual event organised by Overstrand Municipality. The event moves between locations in the Overstrand. | Spaces for Sports Ground, Gansbaai 10AM |

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| 27 – 29 September 2019 | Hermanus Whale Festival | Hermanus Whale Festival is celebrating its 28th year as the only eco-marine festival in South Africa. This festival puts the creatures of the deep blue ocean on stage and under the spotlight alongside top performers and musicians. The festival is held on the shores neighbouring the Walker Bay Hope Spot. | Hermanus Waterfront / Market square |
| 28 – 29 September | Hermanus Food & Wine Festival | 20th annual Wine & Food festival is an ever-popular festival presenting a line-up of events & activities - the ultimate family experience. A wine festival at heart, 2019 will include an extended spread of food vendors & food trucks, with gins, brandies & craft beer sharing the limelight. This year's festival will include - Wine, Sushi & Oyster Jukebox lounge {new} Pop up MCC & cake bar {new} Sensory play park for kids with gaming, rides & a petting zoo {new} | Curro Hermanus Independent School 10 AM |
| 1 – 27 September 2019 | Explore Knysna Naturally | Visit Knysna is planning an exciting Tourism Month Project to run through September 2019 to encourage people to support and experience the Greater Knysna. Our local theme for this year's Tourism Month is going to be ' Discover Our World, naturally ' | Knysna |
| 6 – 8 September 2019 | Knysna Timber Festival | In September 2019, the Knysna Timber Festival will celebrate its 6th anniversary as a showcase of local excellence across the value chain in the town where South Africa's timber industry first took root. | Knysna Timber Village |

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| | | <p>The Timber Festival is the property of the Knysna Timber Initiative (KTI) – a trade body of local industry leaders who represent every segment of the timber and woodworking value chain. Committed to the growth of the sector as a key driver of Knysna’s economic development, local government has a vested interest in the Knysna Timber Festival and is largely responsible for translating KTI’s vision into reality.</p> <p>The Knysna Timber Festival is an end-to-end showcase of local timber and woodworking materials, machinery, manufacturers, products, services, skills and industry innovations.</p> <p>The Festival connects suppliers to buyers and promotes unity and collaboration across the industry.</p> | |
| 22 September | BUCO Lions Karoo to Coast MTB Challenge | The Buco Lions Karoo to Coast Mountain Bike Challenge is a 100km off road race from UNIONDALE to KNYSNA via the Prince Alfred's Pass. The route is scenic, challenging and riders are encouraged to train sufficiently for this event in order to maximise the enjoyment of the experience. | Start in Uniondale and finish in Knysna |
| 28 September 2019 | Walk a Wheel Family Fun Run | A 9.4km family fun run where contestants have to push or ride any form of non-motorised wheel. Proceeds donated to CANSA | 28 September 2019 08h00 at X Ventures Part of Great Karoo Cook-off |
| 28 September 2019 | Great Karoo Outdoor Cook Off. | Outdoor cooking competition. Also a Kids Outdoor cookoff There will be live music as well as stalls. Putt Putt, Paintball and lots of other family fun | X Ventures Starts 08h00 - 16h00 |